REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12, 14-27 and 32-34 are allowed. Claims 1-11, 28-31 and 35-37 remain rejected under 35 USC §103. The rejected claims 1-11, 28-31, and 35-37 have been cancelled to expedite allowance of the pending claims. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of the same or similar scope in a subsequent continuation application.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. ACTUP002).

Respectfully submitted,

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